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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

This Office Action Response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2004, rejecting claims 2, 4-6, 8 and 9 and objecting to claims 3, 7 and 10.

The following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of and objection to the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance. The deadline for responding to the Office Action is December 29, 2004. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), Applicant has filed a Petition for a three (3) month Extension of Time up to and including March 29, 2005. Applicant submits that the present Response submitted on March 25 is timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.